



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Holcombe, et al.) Attorney reference: 36502-5
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Title: CONTINUOUS PUSHER-TYPE FURNACING) Conf. No.: 3720
SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-)
QUALITY BORON NITRIDE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted with a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following.

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